

Greater Madison MPO
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023 [Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#) 2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members present: Aulik, Blau, Brunn, Clark, Schmid (for Dunphy), Hall, Larson, Kahler, Koprowski, Mountford, Petykowski, Stouder (arrived during item 7) Tao, Semmann, Violante, Veith (for Brown)

Members absent: Cruz, Forlenza, Husen, Scheel, Wheeler

MPO Staff present: Andros, Hoesly, Lyman

2. Approval of August 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Blau moved, Larson seconded, to approve the August 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Committee Member Reports

- Madison: West Main and West Towne Path TAP projects both wrapping up construction. Atwood Avenue is nearing completion and on schedule to finish up this fall. Pleasant View Road is still ongoing, scheduled to finish next summer. Future projects include Autumn Ridge which is getting ready to be bid out soon, and continuing to work on John Nolen Drive design. Safe Streets Madison has been well received, with over 500 requests and over 100 projects funded since last year.
- Fitchburg: Lacy Road construction ongoing; have opened up the Lacy Road and Seminole Highway roundabout, should fully open in November. Syene Road under construction, traffic signal going up at Syene and Lacy Road. Fitchrona Road under design, likely a roundabout at Fitchrona and Lacy.
- DeForest: Windsor Road Project is now finished on the DeForest side. River Road project progressing quickly, should be complete by the end of October.
- Dane County: CTH M construction has begun and been going smoothly.
- WisDOT SW Region: Held ribbon cutting for opening of USH 12 and CTH AB, which was opened about a month ahead of time. 113 project near Waunakee also finished a month ahead of schedule, including roundabout at Long Road and Arboretum Road.

4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Deferred to next meeting.

5. Review and Recommendation on Scoring and Proposed Funding of STBG Transportation Alternative Set Aside Project Applications

Lyman explained that the MPO received 10 applications for funding through the TA program. The projects include a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plan (Sun Prairie), two years of SRTS programming for Dane County (Wisconsin Bike Fed), five separated path projects (four in Madison and one in DeForest),

and the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) (Verona). The RRFB project cost is less than the minimum construction project cost allowed under WisDOT policy; however, in the past WisDOT has waived that minimum for projects that can be considered “installation” instead of construction, such as the Madison and Fitchburg BCycle system expansions. One of these projects, an Active Transportation Plan Implementation Plan (Sun Prairie) is not eligible for TA funding under MPO policy.

Lyman stated the MPO expects to receive annual apportionments of roughly \$1.3 million in each of the coming years; combined with carryover obligation authority, we expect to have more than sufficient funding to award funding to all nine eligible projects for which applications were received. After funding all of the proposed projects according to the adopted sliding scale based on project cost, we anticipate a rolling carryover balance of around \$1.3 million. To avoid carrying over these funds, staff recommends funding projects that would be eligible for 60% federal share under MPO policy at a higher 65% federal share. This would reduce the carryover available in 2028 to \$282,000, and would be consistent with recent changes to the MPO’s STBG-U funding policy.

Larson moved, Clark seconded, to recommend staff’s project funding recommendation to the Policy Board.

6. Review and Recommendation on Revisted STBG-U Proposed Project Funding for FFY 2024-2029

Hoesly stated that MPO received its preliminary STBG-Urban allocation from WisDOT on Friday, Sept. 15th. The MPO will be receiving an estimated total of \$32.845 million for the 2025-2029 program cycle, an amount larger than approximately \$17 million originally anticipated. After “off-the-top” funding for the Rideshare and City of Madison ped/bike education programs are accounted for, we will have about \$32.413 million in funding that can be allocated towards new infrastructure projects. Staff are now recommending that all project applications, with the exception of the Raymond Road/S. High Point/Mid Town Road project be funded. MPO staff recommend that all new recommended priority projects be funded at a 65% cost share, with the exception of the Windsor Road Path project which is eligible for a 76% federal cost share due to its low total construction cost. Hoesly noted that the actual construction year will likely differ from the requested construction year due to WisDOT requirements to distribute funding as evenly as possible across the program cycle years.

Petykowski moved, Blau seconded, to recommend staff’s project funding recommendation to the Policy Board.

7. Review and Recommendation on Draft 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area and Dane County

Hoesly noted that minor revisions were made to the draft 2024-2028 TIP which was previously discussed at the August TCC meeting. Changes to the draft TIP include revised cost estimates for some projects; the addition of eight Transportation Alternatives program projects, the addition of a project listing for the USH 18/151 (CTH G to STH 69) ramp and auxiliary lane project, and updates the STBG-U Priority Project Listings table.

Clark moved, Semmann seconded, to recommend approval of the draft 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area and Dane County to the Policy Board.

8. Brief Review and Recommendation on Draft 2023 MPO Title VI Program/Language Assistance Plan

Lyman gave a brief overview of the draft 2023 MPO Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan, noting that note much of the contents of the draft plan is largely the same as the current plan, however the plan was restructured to comply with WisDOT’s new Title VI Program template. Lyman noted that the only thing outstanding was to complete the MPO’s board and committee membership demographic charts, as staff were still waiting to receive self-identification forms from several members.

Stouder moved, Kahler seconded, to recommend approval of the draft 2023 MPO Title VI Program/Language Assistance Plan to the Policy Board.

9. Review and Recommendation on CRSSAA & ARPA Section 5310 Funding Process and Disbursement

Lyman explained that the MPO has \$38,379 in available un-obligated Section 5310 supplemental apportionments from CRRSAA and ARPA. No applications for eligible projects were received in the 2023 solicitation for Section 5310 funding. Staff proposes to distribute these funds to current Section 5310 recipients who are already completing necessary federal reporting for the program.

Blau moved, Larson seconded, to recommend approval of the CRSSAA & ARPA Section 5310 Funding Process and Disbursement to the Policy Board.

10. Staff Reports

- Work continues on the EV Plan- Lots of interest in the draft by the steering committee, currently making edits and scheduling a meeting to bring the steering team back- hoping to have a draft ready for TCC review at either the October or November meeting
- Moving along with the safety action plan. Will be sending out calendar invites today and tomorrow. We will be scheduling one more project team update at a future meeting. Plan should be ready for adoption by the end of the year.
- Budget and UPWP underway; draft UPWP should be posted to the website by the end of the week
- Updated our performance measures platform to work on my screens- there is a new url which can be accessed on the MPO webpage
- Well underway to hire a new communications and outreach specialist. Hoping to have someone onboard in November
- Working on a fall webinar on the transportation land use connection. We will be sending out invitations soon.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date

- Wednesday, October 25th

12. Adjournment

Blau moved, Clark seconded, to adjourn the meeting.